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October 11, 2006

Sandy Green  
Hart Intercivic, Inc.  
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Dear Ms. Greene:

We have reviewed your request, dated September 29, 2006, requesting emergency approval of the proposed modification to the eSlate direct record election (DRE) devices, version 4.1.3, that were previously certified for use in California as part of Hart's System 6.1. The proposed modifications include: the addition of an aluminum "slider plate" assembly (Hart part number 000162) and the replacement of the female power connector on the VBO/Booth power cable (Hart part number 000163).

The State's technical consultants and Secretary of State staff have reviewed the supporting documentation that you submitted with this request, including Wyle letter 53097B-009. In that letter, Wyle Laboratories, a federally approved independent testing authority (ITA), details its review of this modification and its finding that "...the hardware changes to the eSlate Voting System Booth to improve field reliability do not require testing for compliance to the FEC 2002 Voting System Standards."

Based on the review of this information, as well as the examination and testing of these modifications that occurred during the recent testing of System 6.2.1, the Secretary of State has determined that these modifications are of such limited scope that they do not require further examination and testing. Further, due to the improved reliability of the Hart eSlate devices so modified, we believe the modification should be implemented prior to the upcoming election.

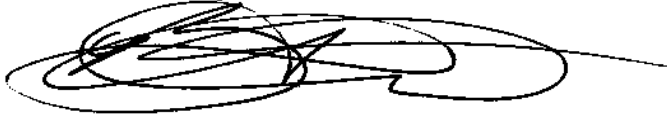
Therefore, Hart Intercivic, Inc. is approved to implement the proposed modifications to eSlate DRE units, version 4.1.3, as described in your letter of request dated September 29, 2006 and the supporting documentation submitted with that letter. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the November 7, 2006 General Election, Hart Intercivic, Inc. shall provide a report to the Secretary of State of all jurisdictions for whom the equipment has been so modified, as well as a count of the devices within those jurisdictions that have been so modified and those that have not been modified.

2. No later than January 31, 2007, Hart Intercivic shall upgrade all such jurisdictions to the Hart System 6.2.1 version of software and hardware.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at the numbers above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bruce McDannold", written over a large, loopy, circular scribble.

BRUCE McDANNOLD  
Interim Director  
Office of Voting System Technology Assessment